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For: THIN-FILM TRANSISTOR, METHOD FOR
FABRICATING THE SAME, AND LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY DEVICE

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This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., inter alia, non-obvious under 35 USC §103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is requested to insure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained for use with a possible divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,
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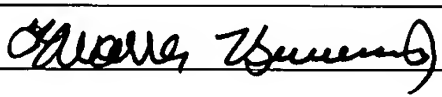


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